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### **Manchester Resident Selected as U.S. Small Business Administration 2006 Women in Business Champion of the Year**

**Hartford, CT** – The U.S. Small Business Administration has selected **Alice M. Turner**, owner of Turner Training USA, LLC as the Women in Business Champion of the Year for 2006. Some of the criteria necessary when selecting winners in this category are a fulfilled commitment to the advancement of women business ownership, voluntary efforts to strengthen the role of women business owners within the community, and efforts to increase business and financial opportunities for women.

Alice Turner is an educator and entrepreneur who has a passion for empowering and educating others. She made her lifelong dream and personal commitment to education a full-time reality when Turner Training USA opened for business in August 1, 1997. With over 20 years experience as a project manager, performance improvement consultant and training officer in the insurance and healthcare industries, Alice's vision was to create an educational consulting forum that would help to educate and empower America's workforce to achieve and succeed.

Turner Training USA started out providing training and performance consulting services to the insurance industry. Soon afterwards, they diversified their client base to include utility companies, educational institutions, financial service companies and other service organizations. Their flagship products provide training solutions in business writing and customer service helped their clients improve customer satisfaction while their leadership development programs have helped managers develop and maintain an inclusive and motivated workforce.

Today, following her vision, Alice have led the development of Turner Training, USA to where it is a full-service training and performance consulting company. It is recognized as being large enough to provide a broad array of top quality training and consulting services while being small enough to provide the personal dedicated service which has been integral to their history. This commitment to a shared vision by Alice and her staff has made Turner Training, USA one of the fastest growing workplace learning and performance training firms in New England.

A resident of Manchester, CT, Alice has continued her commitment to her local community which can be seen by the numerous civic and community-based organizations she serves as an active member. In November 2003 she helped in creating and expanding opportunities for women-owned businesses when she founded the Urban Reach Institute for Self-Employment (URISE, Inc.), an independent not-for-profit organization that focuses on educating, mentoring, and coaching women-owned and minority owned businesses. She also serves as a board member of the Community Council for Race Relations in Manchester since 2002 and of My Sister's Place Shelter in Hartford. Most recently, Alice became a charter member of Soroptimist International of Greater New Haven, an international professional women's service organization.

*An award celebration for the SBA 2006 award recipients will be held Thursday June 15, 2006 at 4:00p.m. at The Belvedere, New Haven CT, for more information contact Greta Johansson at (860) or 240-4672 Hugh Curley at (860) 240-4650.*

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